

pomeranus, Sparrman, Mus. Carls. fasc. i. no. 1, pl. (1786), an excellent description and plate of an adult Woodchat. By early authors, and by compilers like Degland and Gerbe, Gmelin is frequently quoted as the author of this name; and it is his No 33, Syst. Nat. i. p. 302 (1788); but he avowedly took it from Sparrman. So, unless some one can discover an earlier and valid title, it seems to me that the name of the Woodchat must stand as *Lanius pomeranus*.

Just for curiosity, let us look a little further and see what others have done. *Lanius rufus* γ , Gm. S. N. i. p. 301, is a supposed variety γ of his *L. collurio*, No. 12. *Lanius rutilus*, Latham, Ind. Orn. i. p. 70 (1790), is recognizable as the Woodchat, but anticipated four years by *L. pomeranus*. Bechstein, in his Vög. Deutschl., 1st ed., i. p. 387, taf. 15 (1791), calls the Woodchat *L. collurio*; but in the 2nd ed. ii. p. 1327, taf. 15. fig. 1 (1805), he names it *L. ruficeps*, Retzius, Fauna Suecica, p. 89 (1800). On referring to that page, Retzius appears to have given it no such name, but called it *L. rufus*. But what a waste of time it is to dig up these musty old authors, who cannot even quote their authorities correctly, and to try to make out their imperfect descriptions, so as to get a year or two nearer to the ornithological era 1766. The *earliest unimpeachable* description and figure of the Woodchat is that of *Lanius pomeranus*, Sparrman; and by the existing rules we must accept it, and get used to it as soon as possible. Those who refuse to do this, and adopt names merely because they have been sanctioned by the number or the authoritative weight of employers, will certainly go further and probably fare worse.

VI.—On a Collection of Birds from Borneo.

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MR. E. G. LEMPRIERE, who is now collecting in Borneo, has forwarded to England a series of beautifully prepared skins, on which I have written a few notes.

The birds are from three localities, and include a number

from North-Eastern Borneo, from places which have not been worked before by any naturalist, excepting Mr. Pryer (*cf.* Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1881, p. 790).

From Labūan and the neighbouring islands Mr. Lempriere has sent a series, which, however, adds little to our knowledge of the avifauna of this part of Borneo. But there appear to be four species not recorded by Mr. Sharpe in his list of the birds of Labūan (P. Z. S. 1879, p. 317). These are as follows:—

1. *XANTHOPYGIA NARCISSINA* (Temm.).

Xanthopygia narcissina, Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Mus. iv. p. 250.

New to Borneo, but doubtless occurring regularly on migration.

† 2. *MACHETES PUGNAX* (L.).

New to Borneo.

3. *TRINGA TENUIROSTRIS*, T. & S.

Tringa tenuirostris, Salvad. Ucc. Born. p. 325.

Not before recorded from Labūan.

4. *QUERQUEDULA CIRCIA* (L.).

Querquedula circia, Salvad. tom. cit. p. 361.

Not before recorded from Borneo. Count Salvadori has, however, placed it in his book as a species likely to occur.

The following is a list of birds from the *Segilind River*, N.E. Borneo:—

(55) *MICROHIERAX LATIFRONS*, Sharpe.

Microhierax latifrons, Sharpe, Ibis, 1879, p. 237, pl. vii.

(33) *BUTASTUR INDICUS* (Gm.).

Butastur indicus, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 236.

(50) *LORICULUS GALGULUS* (L.).

Loriculus galgulus, Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1881, p. 791.

(37) *HARPACTES DUVAUCELI* (T.).

Harpactes duvauceli, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 792.

(46) MEGALÆMA MYSTACOPHANES (T.).

Megalæma mystacophanes, Sharpe, Ibis, 1879, p. 239.

(68) MEGALÆMA CHRYSOPSIS, Goffin.

Megalæma chrysopsis, Salvad. Ucc. Born. p. 32.

(36) XYLOLEPES VALIDUS (T.).

Xylolepes validus, Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1881, p. 792.

(47) CALLOLOPHUS PUNICEUS (Horsf.).

Callolophus puniceus, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 792.

(49) CALLOLOPHUS MENTALIS (T.).

Callolophus mentalis, Sharpe, Ibis, 1879, p. 242.

(62) CALLOLOPHUS MALACCENSIS (Lath.).

Callolophus malaccensis, Salvad. Ucc. Born. p. 50.

(58) MEIGLYPTES TRISTIS (Horsf.).

Meiglyptes tristis, Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1881, p. 792.

(53) HEMICERCUS SORDIDUS (Eyton).

Hemicercus sordidus, Sharpe, Ibis, 1879, p. 240.

(48) RHINORTHA CHLOROPHÆA (Raffl.).

Rhinortha chlorophæa, Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1881, p. 792.

(38) ZANCLOSTOMUS JAVANICUS (Horsf.).

Zanclostomus javanicus, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 793.

(65) NYCTIORNIS AMICTA (T.).

Nyctiornis amicta, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 793.

(34, 44) CARCINEUTES MELANOPS (T.).

Carcineutes melanops, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 793.

(31) HALCYON CONCRETA (T.).

Halcyon concreta, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 793.

(51) BATRACHOSTOMUS ADSPERSUS, Brüggem.

Batrachostomus adpersus, Brüggem. Ann. & Mag. Nat. Hist. (4) xx. p. 178 (1877).

This appears to be a very distinct species.

(57) XANTHOPYGIA NARCISSINA (T.).

Xanthopygia narcissina, vide antea.

(59) STOPAROLA THALASSINOIDES (Cab.).

Stoparola thalassinoides, Sharpe, Cat. B. Brit. Museum, iv. p. 439.

(61) TIMELIA NIGRICOLLIS, T.

Timelia nigricollis, Sharpe, Ibis, 1879, p. 257.

(52) CHLOROPSIS ZOSTEROPS, Vig.

Chloropsis zosterops, Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1881, p. 796.

(42) CRINIGER PHÆOCEPHALUS, Hartl.

Criniger phæocephalus, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 797.

(41, 43) ORIOLUS XANTHONOTUS, Horsf.

Oriolus xanthonotus, Sharpe, Ibis, 1879, p. 251.

(64) PLATYLOPHUS LEMPRIERI, sp. nov.

P. similis *P. coronato* ex Sumatra, sed clarius rufus, et genis nigris distinguendus.

This is probably the *P. coronatus* of Brüggemann (Abhandl. Nat. Verein, Bremen, p. 461).

(30) PITYRIASIS GYMNOCEPHALA (Raffl.).

Pityriasis gymnocephala, Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1881, p. 795.

(35) PITTA CYANOPTERA, T.

Pitta cyanoptera, Sharpe, Ibis, 1879, p. 262.

(39) PITTA USSHERI, Sharpe.

Pitta ussheri, Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1881, p. 798.

(40) PITTA MUELLERI (Bp.).

Pitta muelleri, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 798.

(45, 69) PITTA BAUDI, M. & S.

Pitta baudii, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 798.

(32) PITTA CÆRULEA (Raffl.).

Pitta cærulea, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 798.

(70) PITTA SCHWANERI, T.

Pitta schwaneri, Sharpe, Ibis, 1879, p. 263.

(60, 63) EURYLÆMUS JAVANICUS, Horsf.

Eurylemus javanicus, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 263.

(54) EURYLÆMUS OCHROMELAS, Sharpe.

Eurylæmus ochromelas, Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1881, p. 798.

(56) CYMBORHYNCHUS MACRORHYNCHUS (Gm.).

Cymborhynchus macrorhynchus, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 798.

(67) ARBOROPHILA CHARLTONI (Eyton).

Compared with the types in the British Museum.

From Silam, N.E. Coast of Borneo:—

(28, 4) HARPACTES DIARDI (T.).

Harpactes diardi, Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1881, p. 791.

(24) MEGALÆMA MYSTACOPHANES (T.).

Megalæma mystacophanes, vide suprâ, "Lantoogo."

(13) CALLOLOPHUS MENTALIS (T.).

Callolophus mentalis, vide suprâ, "Wit-wit."

(8) MICROPTERNUS BADIUSUS (T.).

Micropternus badiusus, Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1881, p. 792.

(12) MEIGLYPTES TUKKI (Less.).

Meiglyptes tukki, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 792.

(2) THRIPONAX JAVENSIS (Horsf.).

Thriponax javensis, Sharpe, tom. cit. 792.

(26) RHINORTHA CHLOROPHÆA (Raffl.).

Rhynortha chlorophæa, vide suprâ.

(5) RHOPODYTES ERYTHROGNATHUS (Hartl.).

Rhopodytes erythrognathus, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 793.

(16) ALCEDO MENINTING, Horsf.

Alcedo meninting, Salvad, Ucc. Born. p. 93, "Mantis."

(9) CEYX DILLWYNNI, Sharpe.

Ceyx dillwynni, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 793.

(25) HALCYON CHLORIS (Bodd.).

Halcyon chloris, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 793, "Kic-kic."

(1) PLATYSMURUS ATERRIMUS (T.).

Platysmurus aterrimus, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 799.

(22) DISSEMURUS BRACHYPHORUS (T.).

Dissemurus brachyphorus, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 795, "Blakil."

(10) TERPSIPHONE AFFINIS (Hay).

Terpsiphone affinis, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 794.

(7) HENICURUS FRONTALIS, Blyth.

Henicurus frontalis, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 798.

(18) CHLOROPSIS CYANOPOGON (T.).

Chloropsis cyanopogon, Sharpe, Cat. B. vi. p. 32, "Perak Hyan."

(15) MICROPUS MELANOCEPHALUS (Gm.).

Micropus melanocephalus, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 65, "Piang."

(17, 29) RUBIGULA WEBBERI (Hume).

Rubigula webberi, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 171, "Perak Ungoot."

(19, 20) IRENA CRINIGERA, Sharpe.

Irena crinigera, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 176, "Lalu."

(27) ARACHNOTHERA LONGIROSTRA (Lath.).

Arachnothera longirostra, Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1881, p. 796.

(11, 6) CORYDON SUMATRANUS (Raffl.).

Corydon sumatranus, Salvad. Ucc. Born. p. 111.

(23) TRERON OLAX (T.).

Treron olax, Salvad, tom. cit. p. 289, "Punie-Siur."

(21, 14) ROLLULUS ROULROUL (Scop.).

Rollulus rouloul, Sharpe, P. Z. S. 1881, p. 800, "Surokan."

(3) EUPLOCAMUS IGNITUS (Lath.).

Euplocamus ignitus, Sharpe, tom. cit. p. 800.

VII.—Observations on the Pied Wagtails of Japan.

By HENRY SEEBOHM.

CAPTAIN BLAKISTON has called my attention to a species of *Motacilla* from Japan which appears to him to be distinct from both *M. japonica* and *M. amurensis*. Capt. Blakiston has